

Board of Recreation Commissioners

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BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING, MARCH 7TH, 2012

Roll Call:

D. Aponte	Present
R. Correa	Present
J. Donegan	Present
J. Galligan	Present
D. Kostantakis	Present
D. Morrell	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Rafti	Absent
D. Totten	Present
B. Wicker	Present
Councilman Stylianou	Present

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

- **Note: Councilman Carrick requested the following amendments be made to his report given at the February 2012 meeting, and that minutes reflect these 2 additions to his report and one clarification.**
- *Would like gym time for Sr. Baseball Program for February and March.*
- *Wants to start a summer basketball league to utilize the basketball courts at Memorial Park for a program for Dumont kids. Looking for coaches and ideas as to how to form this program.*
- *Original report states:*

Columbia Avenue, additional fencing along the first base line and also review of fencing along third base line. Request from Recreation tonight that they also include a scoreboard for Columbia Field. *Councilman Carrick wants the report to reflect he did not say he would get the fencing on Johnson but looking into the fencing.*

P. Musse made a motion to accept the amended February 2012 minutes. D.Kostantakis seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/no, Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV, Alt.#1-Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Chairman announced, *“All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont”.*

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jamie O'Neill, President of Dumont Girls Softball came to discuss some future plans for the program that he would like to see discussed.

Wanted to address the old scoreboard from Memorial Park which will be installed at Columbia Field. He asked if Recreation had purchased the new scoreboards that are going up at Memorial Park. Recreation did not purchase the scoreboards were purchased through grant funding. Recreation has requested a new scoreboard for Columbia Field, one that has remote access.

Field conditions at Gina's Field were discussed. There is a problem with clay runoff when it rains and also the bee infestation. Discussed the situation with the bathrooms being dirty and unkempt. Requesting update to the bathroom making it safer and also if possible a cabinet in the room they can lock up and keep toilet paper in there. Councilman Stylianou said he would handle the situation of the bathrooms. Was discussed that the area where the original backstop was be restored for use as a 2nd backstop area for practices.

J. O'Neill would like to see lights either on Gina's Field or on Columbia Field.

Option of having a portable backstop at the high school where the girls would be able to use the high school field was discussed.

Chairman discussed that once Twin Boro Field is done, Girls Softball will have access to weekends for the field and have night games. J. O'Neill said he is going to request that Girls Softball have some weeknights also at Twin Boro Field.

Also discussed was using the TBall Field at Memorial Park which has lights. J. O'Neill stated he does not think the field conditions are good at this field and dimensions not suitable for use by Girls Softball.

D. Aponte made a motion to close the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time. J. Galligan seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Happy to be back on Recreation as their liaison and looking forward to a successful year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to new commissioners Don Morell and JJ Donegan.

The commission thanks M. Vietri and R. Riquelme for their service to the commission. They were an asset and will be missed.

Met with Little League and they will be manning the hut again this season with their auxiliary. Profits from the hut will be 50/50. In setting up procedures for the upcoming season, Janet Galligan will oversee the food hut and work with the auxiliary. J. Galligan

and D. Searles will do the ordering and deliveries. J. Galligan will get the bank materials needed for the deposits.

Major League Field conditions are bad, met with Tri State Athletic Field. Estimate to redo the Major Field \$17,365.00. Recreation has agreed to split the cost of redoing the field with Little League. A second estimate of \$7,500.00 is for a warning track to be put on to the field. Chairman is looking to have this funded by donations. Work to start on the field the week of March 12th and be completed in time for Opening Day.

Chairman has discussed this with J. Perkins the Borough Administrator. J. Perkins will have the dirt removed off the field and also provide dumpster for the park area.

Once field is complete, Little League is going to hire someone to maintain the field. Tri State offers lessons on field maintenance.

Tri State has also provided an estimate to provide maintenance service on Veteran's Memorial Field.

Tri State has also provided an estimate to provide chemical services for Pershing Avenue turf areas, Columbia Avenue and Gina's Fields for consideration.

Little League wants to host the Memorial Day Charity Tournament for Friday, May 25th, Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th, 2012.

P. Musse made a motion to allow for the Memorial Day Charity Tournament on Friday evening, May 25th, Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th, 2012. All teams playing on the field are to be insured through this organization. D. Kostantakis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

This is a big fundraiser for the food hut and would like to ask that all commissioners find an hour to donate their time to work the food hut during this weekend.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

All bills that have been submitted have been vouchered.

Issue with football cheerleading's ending balance from last year has been corrected.

Someone was going to start placing orders for the Memorial Food Hut by reaching out to the Finance Department. The procedure for 2012 is that J. Galligan/D. Searles to work together on the orders, J. Galligan will bring the bills to Recreation. J. Galligan/D. Searles are the only people involved in the ordering and dealing with vendors for 2012.

Basketball refs are sending in Referee Forms for games they worked with no verification or signatures from coaches or the head of the program. There have been duplicate forms sent by these referees. The system of the vouchers works, when the procedure is followed. Not sure the procedure has been made clear that someone has to verify these games.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Letters went out to last year's summer camp counselors with applications to get a feel for how many counselors will be returning for the 2012 season. Applications come available to new applicants the first week of April.
- Ordered for Recreation's use controllers for the scoreboards at Grant and Lincoln Schools. The total cost of the controllers was \$560.00.
- Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 31st, meet time is 9:00am for volunteers helping with the event. The costume and eggs have been ordered. Flyers will go out to the schools the week of the event.
- Calvary Methodist Church will be working with our social services department helping families who are unable to cover the cost of registration fees for recreation sport programs.
- Concussion Course Certificates have been coming in to the office. Please remind your programs that ALL coaches must go through this on line course and be certified in this area.
- Reminder that all coaches for the upcoming Spring/Summer programs must sign a Code of Ethics Form.
- Dino Kostantakis and John Rafti will be presenters at the Boosters Sports Awards Dinner .
- National Volunteer Week is April 15th through April 21st. DPW will put banner out for month of April. Location will be Dumont Library.
- Bedford Field Request from 12 year old Cerbo League Team Lightening. Sundays from March 11th through end of June 2012 from 2pm to dark. Commissioners said yes.
- Distribute for signature Oath of Allegiance for new commissioners and also Financial Disclosure Forms to commissioners.
- Request for use of Little League/Major Field for PBI Spring League for Sundays working around the Little League schedule, so no time was specified. Request made by Vinnie Tamburro for 11 year old team. Commissioners said yes.
- Decision has to be made whether or not to remove the sand out of the volleyball court as we have had serious problems with bee's that shut the courts down last summer. Looking in to replacing sand with soft surfacing. Need to have vote by the commissioners to leave or replace sand.

P. Musse made a motion to remove the sand from the beach volleyball court located at Memorial Park and replace it with a soft playground surface. D. Morell seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

- Request for use of Veteran's Memorial Field by Men's Sunday morning league permit from April through end of August 2012. Commissioners said yes.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

D. APONTE:

Basketball Cheerleading: The program has 3 teams made up of 40 girls. There have been some conflicts with basketball coaches but this situation has been handled.

Competition Cheerleading: Out of 7 teams Dumont placed 2nd over last weekend's competition in Trenton. T. Riva the President still wants to meet and discuss the voucher system for paying bills. A meeting was to be scheduled with the auditor and the program presidents and the commission.

J. DONEGAN: No report

J. GALLIGAN:

Twin Boro Field Food Hut: No report

Memorial Field Food Hut: Will be working closely with the auxiliary on the hut for this coming season.

Football Cheerleading: Signups are going on this month.

J. Galligan made a motion for Jr. Football Cheerleading to be able to sell magnets at their signups as a fundraiser. D. Morrell seconded motion. Vote as follows:

Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Little League: No report

Girl's Volleyball: Clinics starting on 4/18 through 5/27 every Wednesday from 7-9pm at Dumont High School. High School Coach Lauren Bitetto submitted a proposal regarding volleyball conditioning clinics she wants to run under Recreation. This will be discussed at the next work session.

D. KOSTINTAKIS:

Girls Basketball: Requesting confirmation for the 3/17/12 playoff date for use of the DHS gym. Trophies have been ordered. Season is winding down. Scoreboard remote from Lincoln School has been repaired.

D. Kostantakis made a motion for Recreation to requisition gym time for the AAU 7th and 8th grade girls and DHS high school girls basketball teams. They are holding open tryouts, will have certified coaches and they will provide their own insurance.

Recreation will requisition the high school gym and Lincoln School gyms Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7-9pm. There will be no Saturday gym time requested. This gym time is for practices. P. Musse seconded motion. Vote as follows:

Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

D. Kostantakis made a motion to continue the recreation girls basketball program travel teams for 5th and 6th grade into Spring. There will be an open tryout. Request for practice time Monday through Friday from 7-9pm Lincoln School. No Saturdays will be requested. P. Musse seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Jr. Football: Signups are this month. President will be submitting requests for field time for practices/games/clinics. Will be requesting use of the gym in case of rain for practices.

D. MORRELL:

P. MUSSE:

Boys Basketball: Season is coming to an end for the recreation program and the playoffs are next week. Trophies have been ordered. Will give Recreation Office the dates for the pizza party so they can requisition the gym.

Roller Hockey: Playoffs are going on now. The Midget and Junior teams are still in the running. Mark Hartman spoke with the engineers down at Twin Boro Field to make sure that while doing the renovation work on the field they do not cut the power lines that are feeding the rink.

Request that the DPW empty the trash cans over by the roller hockey rink.

J. RAFTI: (AS READ INTO MINUTES BY D.TOTTEN)

Men's Softball: Meeting held on 3/6/12 at Bergenfield with J. Scagliotti, Recreation Director for Bergenfield regarding permit to use Hickory Field for the 2012 season. Set up will be similar to last year with the exception they may be able to use Tuesday nights also. There was no discussion at that time regarding money for use of the fields.

Ladies Softball: All of their league forms have been send in to the office and are ready to go. Field permit is set for Bedford.

Coach's Certification/Fingerprinting: No certification course until September.

Girl's Softball: Will attend their next coaches meeting.

Men's Soccer: No report

Recreation Garden: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

New commissioner assignments for 2012:

Doreen Aponte: *Basketball Cheerleading, Competition Cheerleading, Summer Recreation, New Programs*

Janet Galligan: *Huts, Football Cheerleading, Volleyball*

Dino Kostantakis: *Girls Basketball, Jr. Football, Wrestling*

John Rafti: *Certifications, Dumont Girls Softball, Adult Programs*

Don Morrell: *Certification #2, Flag Football, Council Liaison*

J.J. Donegan: *Soccer, Town Celebration, Board of Education*

Pete Musse: *Roller Hockey, Boys Basketball, Senior Baseball*

Rich Correa: *Finance, Personnel, Little League*

ADJOURNMENT:

P. Musse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. J. Galligan 2nd seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/NAV Morrell/yes Musse/yes, Rafti/NAV Alt #1 Donegan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Totten,
March 8th, 2012